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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOVA VISIT -- INTERIM REPORT

1. SUMMARY: ZHIVKOVA HAS RECEIVED IMPRESSIVE RECEPTIONS IN NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES. FIRST DAY IN WASHINGTON HIGHLIGHTED BY THE SIGNING OF THE CULTURAL/ SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT AND BY PRESENTATION TO KENNEDY CENTER OF THE MINEKOV SCULPTURE. YET TO COME -- ATTENDANCE AT A WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION, A CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, AND TOURS AND MEETINGS AT THE SMITHSONIAN AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. WE BELIEVE MME. ZHIVKOVA CANNOT HELP BUT BE IMPRESSED BY ATTENTION SHE IS GETTING. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW YORK: EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS AND METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART REPRESENTATIVE KATZ WERE ON HAND TO MEET ZHIVKOVA AND CONVERSED WITH HER AMIABLY IN AIRPORT LOUNGE. ON FIRST FULL DAY, ZHIVKOVA WENT TO CBS HEADQUARTERS WHERE SHE DISCUSSED ROLE AND OBJECTIVES OF RADIO AND TELEVISION  
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AS INFORMATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTRUMENTS WITH VICE PRESIDENT GENE MATER. THEN SHE TOURED CBS NEWS, MEETING WALTER CRONKITE FOR TEN-MINUTE CHAT. SHE WAS GIVEN LUNCH BY DOUGLAS DILLON, (ARMITAGE ALSO PRESENT) AND HAD TEA WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, SHE HELPED OPEN THRACIAN TREASURES EXHIBIT AT

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM. SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 9 AND 10 IN NEW YORK WAS IN HANDS OF BULGARIAN UN AMBASSADOR YANKOV.

3. CALIFORNIA: UPON ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO ZHIVKOVA WAS WHISKED OFF TO DE YOUNG MUSEUM FOR TOUR OF NEW AMERICANA COLLECTION AND AVERY BRUNDAGE EAST ASIAN COLLECTION, LED BY CURATORS IAN WHITE AND YVON D'ARGENCE. AT EVENING COCKTAIL-BUFFET GIVEN BY SF RECEPTION CENTER DIRECTOR BEHRENS, ZHIVKOVA (AND FULL PARTY, INCLUDING TV CREW) MET CREAM OF SF CULTURAL ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF SF OPERA, GENERAL MANAGER OF AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SF MUSEUM SOCIETY, GENERAL MANAGER OF SF SYMPHONY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SF BALLET. FOLLOWING BUFFET SUPPER, MME. ZHIVKOVA AND PARTY WERE GUESTS OF CYRIL MAGNIN AT PERFORMANCE OF NEW SF MUSICAL "BEACH BLANKET BABYLON GOES BANANAS" WHICH, IN SPITE OF TITLE, PROVED TO BE SUPERB MUSICAL AND DANCE PERFORMANCE. FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE, MME. ZHIVKOVA WAS INTRODUCED BY MRS. BEHRENS TO PRESIDENT OF BANK OF AMERICA (WHICH OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED POPOV AND DAMYANOV). ACCOMMODATIONS WERE IN FAIRMONT HOTEL. SATURDAY MORNING WAS SPENT SIGHTSEEING, WITH EARLY AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR ORANGE COUNTRY AIRPORT. ONCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, PARTY IMMEDIATELY HAD VIP TOUR OF DISNEYLAND (WHERE ZHIVKOVA SHOOK HANDS WITH MICKEY MOUSE - APPARENTLY THE HIGH POINT OF HER VISIT THUS FAR JUDGING FROM HER SMILE). DINNER THAT EVENING WITH LA ARTS PATRONESS CAROLINE AHMANSON WAS PRECEDED BY TOUR (GUIDED PERSONALLY BY AHMANSON) OF LA MUSIC CENTER. ACCOMMODATIONS WERE IN NEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ULTRA-MODERN BONAVENTURE HOTEL, WHERE MME. ZHIVKOVA'S SUITE WAS PRESUPPLIED WITH CHAMPAGNE AND FLOWERS, COURTESY OF THE HOTEL. SUNDAY MORNING HELD A BRIEF DRIVE THROUGH BEVERLY HILLS AND HOLLYWOOD (TIME DID NOT PERMIT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS TOUR) FOLLOWED BY FLIGHT BACK TO WASHINGTON. IT WAS OBVIOUS MFA WAS AS ANXIOUS AS WE WERE TO MAKE ZHIVKOVA'S CALIFORNIA STOP ENJOYABLE AND COMFORTABLE -- DAMYANOV PAID OUT ALMOST \$1,000 FOR LIMOUSINE SERVICE ALONE IN THREE DAYS. BULGARIAN PARTY ALSO SENT HANDSOME GIFTS AND FLOWERS TO BEHRENS AND AHMANSON FOLLOWING VISIT.

4. WASHINGTON: ZHIVKOVA CALLED ON NANCY HANKS AND AMBASSADOR REINHARDT BEFORE IMPRESSIVE AND SMOOTH AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY AT 11:00 A.M. MONDAY. AFTER CEREMONY, ZHIVKOVA CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUFFEY. BESIDES ZHIVKOVA PARTY, REINHARDT AND INDIANAPOLIS STAR CORRESPONDENT MICHAL PADER ALSO WERE PRESENT, LATTER BY ACCIDENT BECAUSE ONLY AMBASSADOR POPOV RECOGNIZED HIM AS A REPORTER. ZHIVKOVA AND PARTY WERE HOSTED TO LUNCHEON BY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY GEORGE VEST (WITH NANCY HANKS PRESENT) AT THE JOCKEY CLUB. BULGARIANS CANCELLED TOUR OF NATIONAL COLLECTION OF FINE ARTS IN EARLY AFTERNOON TO GIVE PARTY TIME TO REST FOR FIRST-RATE RECEPTION AT KENNEDY CENTER, WHERE JFK CHAIRMAN STEVENS ACCEPTED THE GRACIOUS GIFT OF THE MINEKOV SCULPTURE. UPI, VOA AND BULGARIAN CREW COVERED CEREMONY AND RECEPTION THOROUGHLY (TV CREW ALSO FILMED HANKS, REINHARDT AND DUFFEY MEETINGS, SIGNING CEREMONY, AND SEVERAL FUNCTIONS IN NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO). FOLLOWING RECEPTION, PARTY WAS GIVEN GUIDED TOUR OF JFK CENTER BY STEVENS. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO EVENING PERFORMANCE OF IBSEN PLAY "THE MASTER BUILDER," WHICH WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY COUNSELOR AND MRS. NIMETZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MRS. DUFFEY.

5. REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE INCLUDES: JUNE 14: TOUR OF AIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SPACE MUSEUM, LED BY FORMER ASTRONAUT MICHAEL COLLINS; TOUR OF HIRSHHORN, LED BY DIRECTOR ABRAM LERNER; LUNCHEON AT NATIONAL ART GALLERY, WITH LERNER AND OTHERS; ATTENDANCE AT WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION GIVEN FOR PROMINENT AMERICAN ARTISTS, WHERE MME. ZHIVKOVA IS SCHEDULED TO BE ESCORTED INTO RECEPTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND MEET PRESIDENT CARTER; WOLF TRAP PICNIC-DINNER AND PERFORMANCE HOSTED BY NANCY HANKS. JUNE 15: CALL ON DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER; LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TOUR AND LUNCHEON; AFTERNOON FREE OR, TENTATIVELY, CALL OR VISIT TO GIFTED CHILDREN CENTER. JUNE 16 DEPARTURE.

6. THUS FAR, ZHIVKOVA HAS NOT SOUGHT DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. HER REMARKS AT CEREMONIES AND RECEPTIONS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT LENGTHY, BUT NOT UNCOMFORTABLY SO. SHE HAS BEEN GREETED WITH HOSPITALITY AND COURTESY, AND SEEMS TO HAVE MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON HER HOSTS. THUS FAR HER VISIT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY POSITIVE AND HELPFUL TO BILATERAL RELATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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